

August 9, 2019

Dear Ms. Sasani:

On July 24 we received your updated request for “metadata for these 1280 potential emails. This would include

- 1) the name and email address of the person who received and sent each email
- 2) the subject line
- 3) date”

Due to the exhaustive nature of this request, we had to enlist the assistance of the UMass Boston IT Department. Upon completion the search, we have determined there are 279 responsive records. The previous estimate of 1280 potentially responsive records was the result of a search performed by Eben Weitzman that included duplicate emails. The exhaustive search performed by the IT Department was able to deduplicate the records. Please be advised that the University has no obligation under the Public Records law (or any other law) to create records that do not exist. We did so here as a one-time accommodation. Our willingness to voluntarily do so in this one instance shall not be construed as creating any such obligation.

Attached you will find showing the 279 records with the requested metadata. Please note the document has been redacted in accordance with Chapter 66 of Massachusetts General Laws for:

- Student education records, which are protected by the federal law Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”) and which are exempt from disclosure pursuant to exemption (a).

The search and redaction time expended so far on this request totals 4 hours.

Under Chapter 66 of the General Laws, you have the right to appeal our disposition of your request to the Supervisor of Public Records, Office of the Secretary of State, pre@sec.state.ma.us and the right to seek judicial review of an unfavorable decision by commencing a civil action in the superior court under subsection (c) of section 10A.

Sincerely,

Matt Fenlon
Public Records Administrator
UMass Boston